



Meet Your Job Service Staff

Jim Palmgren celebrates 35 years working at the Missoula Job Service this month. Jim's favorite part of working at the Job Service is working with all the people. And he's performed just about every job that's existed here—employment consultant, programs, placement, unemployment insurance and claims. He even spent two years working in a satellite office in the old Buttrey Suburban building. He fondly remembers the days when he arrived at 6 a.m. to work at finding substitute teachers for those who called in sick, and the early days in placement when he would work from 6-8 p.m. with folks who were only available at that time of the day. Amazingly enough, Jim says that in those 35 years he's only worked for three office managers—a tribute to how the office has run during all those years.

Speaking from his cubicle in the Programs Department, Jim says that the work environment always seems to improve with time. Back during the time one might refer to as the "good old days" they didn't work on computers and other electronic gadgets. "We actually got to meet with people more and it was so nice to see people out working around a much smaller Missoula and know I helped them get the job," he said.

When he's not working in the office, Jim spends his time remodeling his home, but when he's relaxing and having fun he enjoys fishing, skiing and going to Griz games. He added that he enjoys huckleberry picking and all those things the rest of us like to do on a beautiful Montana day outdoors!